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RE: PCO Automatic Delegates

Dear Mr. Wilber and Ms. Sotelo:

Our firm represents the Ron Paul 2012 Presidential Campaign Committee, Inc. (the "Paul Campaign"). It has come to our attention that there appear to be substantial irregularities regarding the appointment of Precinct Chief Officers ("PCOs") in King County.

According to party rules, PCOs who are automatic delegates to the state convention must have been appointed to that position by December 14, 2011. Most counties in the state of Washington have released this information to the public.

Ms. Sotelo, in her role as King County GOP Chairman, has decided to interpret the rule that this list of appointed persons be made public prior to the caucus, means that the list will be made available for public inspection on Friday, March 2 for 2 hours.

Rule 1 of the State GOP bylaws states:

"No earlier than December 1, 2011 nor later than December 14, 2011 the chairman of each county central committee shall submit a list of all precinct committee officers, all non-resident precinct "chairmen", and all vacant precincts."

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This rule clearly exists to ensure there are no "last minute" appointments of automatic delegates. Ms. Sotelo's steadfast refusal to release the name of the automatic delegates has some of our supporters concerned that there may be efforts to insert appointed PCOs after the December 14th deadline.

We intend to contact all the appointed PCOs and ascertain when they were appointed. If we determine that any were offered this position after the December 14 deadline we will ask the credentials committee not to seat any of the appointed PCO's from King County, and will vigorously fight on the floor of the convention to prevent their seating.

Additionally, we will vigorously contest the seating of any King County delegates at the National Convention.

I am sure that the Washington State GOP, and you as Chairman, are committed to an open and fair process that comports with the parties' own rules and bylaws. These rules and bylaws are designed to facilitate the protection of voting rights and full and fair participation of citizens in the political process. However, the actions being taken by the King County Chairman are clearly inconsistent with this approach. Should this blatant attempt to corrupt the process continue in King County, or anywhere else, the Paul Campaign will pursue all of the legal remedies to ensure that the process is fair and legal and that the rights of citizens participating in the process are violated.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me at the numbers below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DW', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Warrington

DAW/crs

cc: John Tate, RP2012 Campaign Manager
Jeff Larson, RNC Chief of Staff